

MAURITIUS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**Questions of which notice has been given****Requiring an Oral Answer****Sitting of Tuesday 20 December 2016****Questions addressed to the Right Honourable Prime Minister,
Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and
National Development Unit**

B/1163 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the international long distance calls, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Information Communication Technologies Authority, information as to the percentage increase of the recent revision in the tariffs thereof on Madagascar, Seychelles, Tanzania and Zimbabwe respectively applied by the telecommunication companies, indicating if an impact assessment thereof on the regional integration endeavour at the individual and business community levels respectively has been carried out?

B/1164 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Cannabis sativa L. plant, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if (a) failures have been noted in the prosecution of the provisional charges of trafficking thereof against Mr O. L. and against Mr D. G. respectively, which were struck out in November 2016 and, if so, give details thereof and (b) the Forensic Science Laboratory can chemically and precisely distinguish between species thereof used for food, industrial and medicinal purposes from those used as an intoxicating drug?

B/1165 The Honourable Third Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mr Baloomoody**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Closed Circuit Television Surveillance System, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the reasons for the installation of cameras thereof in the Octave Wiehe Conference Room of the University of Mauritius?

B/1166 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the project for the construction of drains in Fond du Sac by the National Development Unit, he will state where matters stand as to the implementation thereof?

B/1167 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Parliamentary Private Secretaries, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Prisons, information as to if permissions have been granted thereto to access prisoners since January 2015 to date, if any, and, if so, indicate in each case the (a) name of the Parliamentary Private Secretary and name of the prisoner visited and (b) purpose thereof?

B/1168 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to provisional charges, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to the number thereof lodged since January 2016 to date, indicating the number of persons who are presently on bail in respect thereof?

Questions addressed to Honourable Ministers, other than to the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit

B/1169 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to natural disasters, he will state how Mauritius is faring in the light of the findings of the Global Risks Report 2016 of the World Economic Forum?

B/1170 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (Mr Osman Mahomed)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to natural disasters, he will state where matters stand as to the development of high resolution danger zone maps aiming at reducing risks thereof in Mauritius, following the consultations held by the National Disaster and Risk Reduction Management Centre for the adoption of a sound development strategy therefor?

B/1171 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Osman Mahomed**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to the transformation of *Le Dauguet*, in Port Louis, from a *Promenade de Santé* since September 2001 into a Nature Trail since 30 October 2015, he will state the (a) scope of the works undertaken therefor, giving a breakdown of the associated costs thereof, including in respect of the inaugural ceremony thereof in October 2015 and (b) the new name thereof, if any?

B/1172 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the licencing of boats, he will (a) give a list of the owners thereof whose licences have not been renewed on the expiration thereof in January 2016, indicating the reasons therefor in each case and (b) table the names of those who have since left Mauritius for Madagascar, if any?

B/1173 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the legal advice sought by the State Insurance Company of Mauritius in respect of the reply to Parliamentary Question B/901 of 15 November 2016, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to from whom legal advice has been sought?

B/1174 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government

Whether, in regard to the projects for the renovation of the Port Louis Theatre, the Plaza Theatre and the Town Hall of Curepipe respectively, as mentioned in the Budget Estimates 2016-17, he will state where matters stand?

B/1175 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the Central Water Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if the post of Deputy Chief Operation Officer thereof has been filled and, if so, indicate the name of the incumbent thereof?

B/1176 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the Victoria Station Project, he will state if a bid exercise has been carried out for the selection of the consulting architectural firm therefor and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof?

B/1177 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (Mr Jahangeer)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the building housing the ex-cooperative bank located at Bois Cheri, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed renting thereof?

B/1178 The Honourable Third Member for Rivière des Anguilles and Souillac (**Mr Jahangeer**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the expired medicines and other medical wastes, he will state where matters stand as to the proposed construction of a central waste incinerator for the disposal thereof?

B/1179 The Honourable Fourth Member for La Caverne and Phoenix (**Dr Sorefan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the properties acquired by the State Insurance Company of Mauritius Ltd. prior to 2005, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Company, information as to the (a) respective locations thereof and (b) names of the lessees thereof, indicating the quantum of rent payable by the said lessees since the acquisition of the said properties by the Company?

B/1180 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Regulatory Sandbox Licence, he will state if same has been introduced and, if so, indicate the guidelines prescribed therefor, if any?

B/1181 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes (**Mr Ramano**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the proposed setting up of a Responsible Gambling and Capacity Building Fund, he will state where matters stand?

B/1182 The Honourable Third Member for Belle Rose and Quatre Bornes
(Mr Ramano)

To ask Dr the Honourable Minister of Local Government –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a new Fire Station in Quatre Bornes, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fire and Rescue Services, information as to where matters stand?

B/1183 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the insurance cover for athletes, he will state if all the national federations are abiding by section 5(1)(d) of the Sports Act 2013 and, if so, indicate the conditions attached thereto?

B/1184 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the former Apollo Bramwell Hospital, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the NIC Healthcare Ltd., information as to if the preferred bidder has now been selected for the acquisition thereof and, if so, indicate if any contract has been signed between the NIC Healthcare Ltd and the latter and, if so, indicate the terms and conditions thereof?

B/1185 The Honourable First Member for Savanne and Black River
(Mr Ganoo)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the final nTan Report submitted to Government, he will state the measures that have been taken in relation thereto as at to date, if any?

B/1186 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the ZEP School at Richelieu, she will state the performance thereof at the final examinations since 2014 to date, indicating if she is aware of the efforts of some volunteers to improve the performance of the students attending thereto by operating special classes outside school hours and, if so, indicate if such actions will be encouraged by her Ministry?

B/1187 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Technology, Communication and Innovation –

Whether, in regard to Bain des Dames, Cassis, Cité Vallijee and the adjoining regions, he will state why the works in connection with the installation of the optical fiber cable network have been stalled, indicating the expected date on which (a) works will be resumed and completed respectively and (b) all the customers will be connected thereto?

B/1188 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Bhagwan**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Enterprise Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the name of the Chairperson thereof, indicating the (a) date of appointment thereof (b) terms and conditions of appointment thereof and (c) number of overseas missions he has effected since his appointment to date, indicating the (i) countries visited and duration thereof and (ii) amount of *per diem* and other allowances paid thereto?

B/1189 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Education and Human Resources, Tertiary Education and Scientific Research –

Whether, in regard to the advisers appointed at her Ministry since December 2014 to date, she will give a list thereof, indicating in each case the (a) qualifications thereof (b) terms and conditions of appointment thereof (c) number of overseas missions effected since the date of appointment to date, indicating the (i) countries visited and duration thereof (ii) composition of the delegation and (iii) total amount of money spent in terms of air tickets, *per diem* and/or any other allowances?

B/1190 The Honourable First Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Bhagwan)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the General Manager of the Central Electricity Board, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Board, information as to the arrangements that have been made for the temporary replacement thereof during his absence, giving details thereof?

B/1191 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (Mr Sesungkur)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the procurement of Compact Fluorescent Lamps (CFL) in 2013, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Central Electricity Board, information as to the (a) total contract value thereof and (b) name and qualifications of the then General Manager of the Board?

B/1192 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the supply of blood, he will state (a) the process through which the stock thereof in the Blood Bank is cumulated and distributed/disposed of, indicating if any sum is charged for the supply of blood therefrom to private hospitals and clinics and (b) if he is aware of the amount of money private operators charge, on average, in respect of a pint of blood?

B/1193 The Honourable First Member for Montagne Blanche and Grand River South East (**Mr Sesungkur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the elderly persons aged over 60, he will state the number thereof who have undergone eyesight tests over the past three years in the public hospitals, indicating (a) the proportion thereof having been diagnosed with defective eyesight and (b) if it has been established that the trend for defective eyesight amongst the elderly is on the increase and, if so, indicate the actions taken by his Ministry in relation thereto, if any?

B/1194 The Honourable Fifth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Lepoigneur**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Health and Quality of Life –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of a medi-clinic at Coromandel, in Beau Bassin, as mentioned in the Budget Estimates 2016-17, he will state where matters stand?

B/1195 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Monty**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security –

Whether, in regard to the recent outbreak of the Foot and Mouth Disease, he will state if all registered cattle breeders of Constituency No. 4, Port Louis North and Montagne Longue have been compensated for the loss of their cattle and, if so (a) give details thereof and (b) indicate if consideration will be given for additionally supporting them for the consequential loss of income as a result thereof?

B/1196 The Honourable Third Member for Port Louis North and Montagne Longue (**Mrs Monty**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to training courses carried out by the Civil Service College, he will state the number of public officers who have benefitted therefrom over the past two years, indicating the (a) number thereof Ministry-wise (b) modules covered and (c) qualifications of the trainers thereof?

B/1197 The Honourable Second Member for Grand' Baie and Poudre d'Or (**Mr Rughoobur**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to the installation of Taxi Desks at the hotels, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain information as to if the Veranda Paul et Virginie Hotel and Spa in Grand Gaube has refused to provide space therefor?

B/1198 The Honourable Second Member for Grand River North West and Port Louis West (**Mrs Selvon**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Revenue Authority, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to if a massive reduction of the rate of delivery of imported goods thereat has been observed during the months of December to January over the past two years, and, if so, indicate the reasons therefor?

B/1199 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Development Bank of Mauritius Ltd., he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to (a) the current amount of non-performing loans thereat (b) the current financial situation thereat and (c) where matters stand as to the proposed restructuring thereof?

B/1200 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Financial Services, Good Governance and Institutional Reforms –

Whether, in regard to the BAI Group Pension Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Financial Services Commission and the National Insurance Company Ltd. respectively, information as to if they have carried out investigations into the financial situation and solvency thereof and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof in each case and the measures taken in relation thereto?

B/1201 The Honourable First Member for Port Louis South and Port Louis Central (**Mr Uteem**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Ocean Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries, Shipping and Outer Islands –

Whether, in regard to the Head of the Mauritius Maritime Training Academy, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Academy, information as to the name of the incumbent thereof, indicating the (a) qualifications and experience thereof and (b) terms and conditions of appointment thereof, including the salary package thereof?

B/1202 The Honourable Third Member for Savanne and Black River (**Mr Jhuboo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Arts & Culture–

Whether, in regard to Le Morne Hiking Trail, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund, information as to the number of visitors having attended thereat since the opening thereof to the public, indicating the measures taken to ensure the safety of the visitors?

B/1203 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière (**Mr Quirin**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Sports Federations registered with the Registrar of Associations since January 2015 to date, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from each one, information as to the (a) composition of the Managing Committee thereof and (b) names of the clubs affiliated thereto?

B/1204 The Honourable Fourth Member for Beau Bassin and Petite Rivière
(Mr Quirin)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Youth and Sports –

Whether, in regard to the Mauritius Judo Federation, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain therefrom, information as to the state of affairs prevailing thereat, indicating if the conciliation bodies of his Ministry are taking the necessary remedial measures in relation thereto and, if not, why not?

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A/39 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (**Mr Ameer Meea**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the proposed construction of the new and modern Divisional Headquarters at Abercrombie, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to where matters stand, indicating if (a) cells will be available thereat and, if so, indicate the number thereof and, if not, why not (b) all the Police Quarters thereat have now been vacated and, if not, why not (c) a building has been identified for the relocation of the offices of the Divisional Headquarters pending the completion of the new building for the housing thereof and, if not, why not and (d) bids therefor have been launched and, if not, why not?

A/40 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence, Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit –

Whether, in regard to the Line Barracks, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Commissioner of Police, information as to if (a) several abandoned cars are lying in the compound thereof (b) there is insufficient lighting and dedicated parking areas thereat and (c) the disorderly parking of vehicles thereat are causing serious inconveniences and, if so, indicate if remedial measures will be taken in relation thereto?

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than to the Right Honourable Prime Minister, Minister of Defence,
Home Affairs, Minister for Rodrigues and National Development Unit

A/41 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Civil Service and Administrative Reforms, Minister of Environment, Sustainable Development, and Disaster and Beach Management –

Whether, in regard to Constituency No. 3, Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East, he will state if consideration will be given for urgent remedial measures to be taken including to remove the abandoned vehicles lying in various streets thereof which represent eyesores and hindrances to pedestrians and which are occupying available parking spaces and, if so, when and, if not, why not?

A/42 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the civil servants who joined the civil service in the 1960s and who contributed to the Widow and Orphans Pension Fund, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Fund, information as to if consideration will be given for the contributions to be refunded to those who have already retired from the service and who do not have any minors, instead of waiting for the death of the said contributors or of the spouse thereof?

A/43 The Honourable Second Member for Port Louis Maritime and Port Louis East (Mr Ameer Meea)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Public Infrastructure and Land Transport –

Whether, in regard to the junctions at the Route des Pamplemousses with the Military Road and with the Bernandin de Saint Pierre Street respectively, in Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the (a) Traffic Management and Road Safety Unit, information as to if it is in presence of a letter from the Metropolitan (North) Division for the implementation of urgent remedial measures for traffic decongestion thereat and, if so, indicate where matters stand and (b) Road Development Authority, information as to if surveys have been carried out for the provision of a second access road to Vallée des Prêtres and, if so, indicate the outcome thereof and, if not, why not?

A/44 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Vice-Prime Minister, Minister of Energy and Public Utilities –

Whether, in regard to the sewerage network in Port Louis, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Waste Water Management Authority, information as to reasons for the delay in the carrying out of the connection of the new houses thereto, indicating if urgent remedial measures will be taken in relation thereto?

A/45 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Tourism and External Communications –

Whether, in regard to cruise vessels visiting Mauritius, he will, for the benefit of the House, obtain from the Mauritius Tourism Promotion Authority, information as to if packages will be negotiated therewith for the benefit of Mauritian citizens and for access to be given to the public to view same in the jetty at the Christian Decottier Terminal?

A/46 The Honourable Second Member for Mahebourg and Plaine Magnien (**Mr Jhugroo**)

To ask the Honourable Minister of Finance and Economic Development –

Whether, in regard to the Ministries, Government Departments, parastatal bodies and local authorities, he will state where matters stand as to the (a) installation of GSM gateways for mobile phones to the existing PABX telephone systems thereof with a view to reducing the monthly telephone bills thereof when calling to a mobile service provider, giving a list thereof which are already operational and (b) disconnection of dormant and unused telephone lines, indicating if a new survey will be carried out in relation thereto?

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